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Minutes 05/14/2007

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes of the Meeting on
May 14, 2007 Robbins Library

Present: Tom Formicola, Elinore Kagan, Michele Meagher, Sharon Shaloo,
Jean Yoder Absent: Betsy Campbell, Karen Dillon

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

FOLLOW-UP ON 07 GRANT TO TOVA SPECTER Despite some set-backs and complications regarding approvals needed, conversations between council members and Tova Speter indicate that she may still be able to successfully complete the "Switch Box" project funded by the Council. Members emphasized that ACC funding was specifically earmarked for a design project with youth. It is the hope of the Council that this work will, in turn, help the artist to leverage support for implementation of the public art component of the project. Tom will follow-up with Tova Speter and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING Council members reviewed minutes of the April meeting. No changes were proposed. Michele moved that the April minutes be approved as submitted. Elinore Kagan seconded the motion. All approved.

REVIEW OF RFPs (Requests for Payment) There were no RFPs for review at the May meeting.

DEBRIEFING RECEPTION FOR ARTISTS A general discussion followed about the annual reception for artists and community input meeting hosted by the ACC on Tuesday, May 8 at the Arlington Center for the Arts. Members agreed that the new venue seemed particularly appropriate and that the ACA staff proved extremely accommodating. It was noted that participation by representatives Jay Kaufman and Jim Marzilli really added value to the awards ceremony. Also, members expressed satisfaction with the quality of the facilitated conversation with guests during the second half of the program. Congratulations were shared all around for the good work done by individual council members to contribute to the success of this event. To get a head-start on next year, Michele offered to confirm spring 08 dates at the ACA. Sharon will summarize notes of breakout group sessions for review as the Council begins to talk about guidelines and priorities for the upcoming grant cycle. And Tom will compile survey results for the same purpose.

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS Tom reported that seven guests at the May 8 event had expressed potential interest in joining the Council and would be invited to the June meeting of the ACC. It was agreed that the focus of the June meeting would be to provide information about serving on the

Council and answering questions about responsibilities of members, work process, and timeline. Jean agreed to update an information sheet to be shared with potential new council members at the meeting.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings of the Arlington Cultural Council

Monday, June 11th

Monday, July 9th

Monday, August 13th

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Tom Formicola